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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2002,
in the above captioned application. Please enter the following Amendment:

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Election was required between Species A (Figs. 1-3, 4-7 and claims 1-7, 16-27)
and Species B (Figs. 5, 8-10, and claims 8-15). Applicants affirm the provisional
election made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Species A. However, upon
further review of the application, it does not appear that Species A should include claims
16 through 22. Claims 16 through 22 read on the embodiment of Fig. 10 and should
thus be included with Species B.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the proper claims for
consideration under Species A are claims 1-17 and 23-27.

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